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Specification

1. The specification has been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. However, the applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

2. Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Hopper et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,576,545 B1).

Regarding claim 1, Hopper et al. discloses a method of protecting an area of metallization in a semiconductor structure to enhance further processing, comprising the steps of:

providing a substrate (12, Fig. 1) with a dielectric layer (11, Fig. 1) having a top surface that defines at least one area of metallization (Fig. 2) having an exposed top surface;



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